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By the QUEEN,

A PROCLAMATION,

For Encouraging Seamen and Landmen to Enter themſelves on Board Her Majeſty's Ships of War.

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WHereas it is our Royal Intention to give all due Encouragement to all ſuch Seamen and Able-bodied Landmen, who ſhall voluntarily Enter themſelves in our Service, and remain on Board our Ships of War in our Royal Navy, we have thought fit (by and with the Advice of our Privy-Council) to Publiſh this our Royal Proclamation; and we do hereby Promiſe and Declare, that all ſuch Seamen and Able-bodied Landmen (not above the Age of Fifty five Years, and not under the Age of Sixteen Years) who at any time before the Twenty fifth Day of March next enſuing, ſhall voluntarily Enter themſelves in our Service, with a Commiſſion-Officer of any of our Ships of War, or with any Juſtice of the Peace, or Chief Magiſtrate of any Town, or with any Vice-Admiral, to ſerve on Board any of our Ships or Veſſels of War (Tenders only excepted) ſhall receive, as our free Gift and Royal Bounty, the reſpective Rewards and Allowances following; (that is to ſay) every ſuch Seaman two Months Pay, and every ſuch Able-bodied Landman one Month's Pay, to be paid to them reſpectively by the Principal Officers and Commiſſioners of our Navy, before the reſpective Ships, on which they ſhall be, do proceed to Sea. And we do hereby require and direct, That if any ſuch Seaman, or Able-bodied Landman, ſhall, within the time before-mentioned, enter himſelf with any Juſtice of the Peace, or Chief Magiſtrate of any Town, or with any Vice-Admiral or other Commiſſion-Officer, to ſerve on Board any of our Ships of War, or other Veſſels before mentioned, ſuch Juſtice of the Peace, or Chief Magiſtrate, Vice-Admiral, or other Commiſſion-Officer reſpectively, ſhall give to each Man ſo entring a Certificate under his Hand and Seal, without Fee or Reward, of his Entry, and the time of ſuch Entry, and for what Ship, and ſhall thereby limit ſuch a number of Days (not exceeding fourteen Days) as may be neceſſary for his repairing on Board ſuch Ship, or any other Ship, Tender or Bomb Veſſel in our Service, at the next Port which ſhall be appointed to receive them. And we do hereby declare, that all ſuch Seamen and Able-bodied Landmen, who within the time aforeſaid, ſhall Enter themſelves, as aforeſaid, and within the time limited and appointed in ſuch Certificate, repair on Board any of our ſaid Ships or Tenders appointed to receive them, (according to their Qualifications aforeſaid, and not otherwiſe) ſhall be entituled to our Royal Bounty herein before appointed, and intended for them reſpectively, and to their Pay from the time of their firſt Entring with ſuch Juſtice of the Peace, or other Officer, as aforeſaid; and that they ſhall be allowed time without Moleſtation to render themſelves on Board our Ships of War: And therefore we do hereby require and command all Captains commanding any of our Ships of War, or other our Ships, and all other Perſons whatſoever, authorized or impowered to impreſs Mariners for our Service, that they do not impreſs any ſuch Seamen or Able-bodied Landmen, to whom ſuch Certificate as aforeſaid, ſhall be given, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this our Royal Proclamation, or any Men now in our Service, who by Tickets ſigned by any of our Flag Officers, have or ſhall have leave to be abſent from their Duty to the ſaid twenty fifth Day of March next, before they ſhall fail to render themſelves on Board ſuch of our ſaid Ships or Veſſels, on which they ſhall Enter themſelves to ſerve, or to which they ſhall belong, according to the Time limited by ſuch Certificates or Tickets; nor any Perſon or Perſons protected or imployed in the River, or on the Coaſts, by the Commiſſioners of our Navy, Ordnance, Victualling, Cuſtoms or Tranſportation, or the Watermen in our Service, or ſuch Watermen belonging to each Inſuring Office within the Cities of London and Weſtminſter and Limits thereof, for Inſuring Houſes againſt Loſs by Fire, not exceeding thirty for each Office, whoſe Names and Places of Abode are or ſhall be Regiſtred and Entred with the Secretary or other Officer of the Admiralty-Office. And to the end we may be truly informed what Perſons ſhall ſo enter and render themſelves to ſerve on Board our Fleet, in purſuance of this our Royal Proclamation, we do hereby require and command our reſpective Captains commanding any of our ſaid Ships of War, or other our Ships or Veſſels, as aforeſaid, and alſo all Juſtices of the Peace, chief Magiſtrates, Vice-Admirals, and other Commiſſion-Officers aforeſaid reſpectively, to tranſmit to the principal Officers and Commiſſioners of our Navy exact Liſts and Accounts of the Names, Ages and Deſcriptions of the Perſons who ſhall voluntarily enter themſelves with them, and the Time when, and the Place where, and for what Ship, and of the Time which ſhall be allowed them reſpectively for rendring themſelves on Board, and of the Time of their reſpective repairing on Board any of our ſaid Ships. And we do hereby require and command the ſaid Seamen and Landmen to repair on Board the reſpective Ships on which they ſhall ſo enter themſelves, or to which they ſhall belong, within the Time limited by ſuch Certificates or Tickets, on pain of our higheſt Diſpleaſure. And we are graciouſly pleaſed further to declare, That Conduct-Mony, according to the Practice of the Navy, ſhall be allowed to all ſuch Seamen and Landmen ſo voluntarily entring themſelves on Board, according to the true Meaning of this our Royal Proclamation. And for preventing any Deceits or Abuſes which may happen by any Perſon or Perſons leaving the Ships to which they belong, and entring him or themſelves on Board any other of our Ships, in order to obtain the Bounty-Mony herein before granted, we do hereby likewiſe direct, declare and command, That ſuch Seamen and Landmen belonging to any of our Ships or Veſſels whatſoever, as ſhall abſent themſelves from any of the Ships or Veſſels to which they ſhall belong, and ſhall enter themſelves on Board any other of our Ships, in order to obtain the ſaid Bounty-Mony, ſhall not only loſe the Wages due to them in the Ships they ſhall ſo leave, but alſo ſhall be ſeverely puniſhed according to their Demerits. And we do hereby further declare, That if ſuch Men in our Service, who are or ſhall be permitted to be abſent by ſuch Tickets, as aforeſaid, do not repair on Board their reſpective Ships by the Time allowed by ſuch Tickets, they ſhall not only be liable to be Impreſt, but to ſuffer ſuch other Puniſhment as by Law may be inflicted on them for ſuch their Neglect. And we do hereby require all our Juſtices of the Peace, and other Magiſtrates, and alſo all our Captains of our Ships and others, who ſhall be imployed in Impreſſing Men for our Fleet, That they take particular care not to take up, Impreſs or Entertain any very old Men, Boys, or others, who by reaſon of Infirmity or otherwiſe, are not fitly qualified for our Service in our Royal Navy, for that none ſuch ſhall be received by the Officers of our Fleet into our Service. And we do hereby require and command all our Juſtices of the Peace, Chief Magiſtrates, Conſtables, and other Officers,